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Bonsch et al.

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For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE LONG TERM STABILITY OF BIODIESEL

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

BOX: NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2009, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 for obviousness over Johnson et al (U.S. 5,520,708), in view of Kovacs, et al. It is respectfully submitted that this ground of rejection is not well taken. Johnson et al relates to a totally different subject matter in comparison with that of the present application. The goal of Johnson et al is to provide a method to reduce the crystallization temperature of a fatty acid oil ester-petroleum distillate fuel blend, whereas the present invention aims at improving the long-term stability of biodiesel. The embodiments described by Johnson